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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

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PAMELA FAWCETT PRESSMAN, LPC LICENSE No. 37PC00061700

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of information that Ms. Pamela Fawcett Pressman, M.Ed., LPC, was supervising an unlicensed individual who

was providing mental health services for a fee in a for-profit setting.

Respondent appeared and testified before the Committee on July 1, 2010 with counsel, Gary Lesneski, Esq. She testified that she is a co-owner of Pressman and Associates, LLC, a general for-profit counseling practice located in Voorhees, New Jersey. Respondent is the director of the Infertility Counseling Program that is the part of the counseling practice that provides counseling services for undergoing infertility individuals who are considering ortreatments. Respondent admitted that she permitted and supervised counseling services provided by Denise Deshon, an unlicensed individual, including permitting Ms. Deshon to engage in counseling services when she was unavailable. Respondent acknowledged that she now understands that unlicensed individuals can not provide counseling services in a for-profit setting.

It appears to the Committee that respondent aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Respondent permitted and supervised Ms. Deshon's counseling in a for-profit private practice setting despite Ms. Deshon's lack of an associate professional counselor license, or any other professional license, the minimum requirement for provision of such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

Having reviewed the entire record, the Committee finds that respondent has aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and

N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

ORDERED: DAY OF THE , 2010

- 1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).
- 2. Respondent is reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within order.
 - 4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will

result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D, LPC

Committee Chair

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

Panela Fawlet Presson MEd, CR

Pamela Fawcett Pressman, M.Ed., LPC

Consent as to form and entry:

Gary Lasneski, Esq.

Attorney for Pamela Fawcett Pressman